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REMARKS

Summary of Interview

Applicants and their attorney wish to thank Examiner Stahl for the courtesies extended during our telephone Interview on September 16, 2004. In the interview, we discussed how the claimed invention differs from the teachings of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,313,546 to Toffetti and 5,495,549 to Schneider et al. The Examiner previously cited those documents in an Office Action issued in the parent case (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/045,439). In particular, we discussed the distinguishing feature of a drop port that allows a drop line that services a single endpoint to enter the housing via its own port. Applicants submit that neither the '546 patent nor the '549 patent teach or suggest that feature.

Pending Claims and Amendments

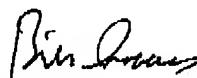
Claims 1-14 and 18-39 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1, 18, and 27 being independent. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 18, and 27 as discussed with the Examiner in the Interview on September 16, 2004. No new matter has been added.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified continuation patent application, as amended, is in condition for examination and request such action. If any issues exist that can be resolved with an Examiner's Amendment or a telephone conference, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at 404.572.2809.

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